

I want to thank the Business Council for coming and for joining this war. All of us need to understand, it is now time to plant the flag of freedom firmly in our nation and around the world, because what we do today will determine whether or not our children and our grandchildren can grow up in a life that we knew. What we do today will determine how free America is for the future. And we will not fail.

Thank you all for coming, and God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:43 p.m. in the East Room at the White House.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **October 22**

In the morning, the President returned from Shanghai, China, to Washington, DC, crossing the international date line to arrive in the morning of October 22.

In the afternoon, the President met with Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge concerning ongoing terrorist anthrax mail attacks.

The President announced his intention to nominate Diane Lenegan Tomb to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ned L. Seigel to be a member of the Board of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter B. Teets to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

#### **October 23**

In the morning, the President met with congressional leaders, and later, met with his National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President met with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel and

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice concerning peace efforts in the Middle East.

#### **October 24**

In the morning, the President met with his National Security Council. Also in the morning, he met with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and later with Members of Congress and Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Glen Burnie, MD, and later returned to the White House.

#### **October 25**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia concerning cooperation against terrorism. Later, he met with his National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President met with Members of Congress and Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. Later, he met in the Oval Office with Crown Prince Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa of Bahrain. Also in the afternoon, he met in the Roosevelt Room with members of the Republican Governors Association.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain for a working visit on November 28.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria to Washington for a meeting on November 2.

The President announced his intention to nominate Darryl N. Johnson to be Ambassador to Thailand.

The President announced his intention to appoint Antonio Andrade to be a member of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health.

#### **October 26**

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany, and President Jacques Chirac of France concerning the war against terrorism. Also in the morning, the President met separately with his National Security Council and with Attorney

General John Ashcroft, Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Robert S. Mueller III, and Director of the Office of Homeland Security Tom Ridge to discuss the latest developments in the war against terrorism.

In the afternoon, the President and the First Lady traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lawrence A. Greenfield to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard M. Russell to be Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dan Gregory Blair to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Morrison Combs to be Chief Financial Officer of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on October 9-10.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### ***Submitted October 23***

Robert M. Beecroft,  
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of Mission, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Arden Bement, Jr.,  
of Indiana, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, vice Raymond G. Kammer, resigned.

John Marshall,  
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, vice Terrence J. Brown, resigned.

Charles Lester Pritchard,  
of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Negotiations with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and United States Representative to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO).

Melvin F. Sembler,  
of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Italy.

### ***Submitted October 25***

James A. McDevitt,  
of Washington, to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington for the term of 4 years, vice James Patrick Connelly, resigned.

Earl Norfleet Phillips, Jr.,  
of North Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Johnny Keane Sutton,  
of Texas, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of 4 years, vice James William Blagg, resigned.

Richard S. Thompson,  
of Georgia, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of 4 years, vice Harry Donival Dixon, Jr., resigned.